

There will be work on 1,129 health centers in all 50 States. We'll begin work on 107 national parks. We're going to start rehabilitation and improvement projects at 98 airports, and over 1,500 transportation projects. There will be 135,000 education jobs, improvements on 90 veterans hospitals and medical centers. Throughout the country, the Recovery Act is working.

2010 CENSUS

(Mr. SMITH of Nebraska asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, the 2010 census will mark the 23rd census in our Nation's history. Although the manner in which the data is collected has evolved over time, an accurate count of our country's residents remains essential to the future of rural communities.

As competition increases for both government and private resources, it is imperative every rural American be counted during the 2010 census. In rural communities especially, door-to-door counting often proves difficult and time-consuming and can result in undercounting, which, in turn, means rural areas get left out.

It is important census funds are used as effectively as possible to ensure outreach into rural areas. This isn't a case of rural versus urban, but it's a chance for those of us in rural America to stand up and be counted.

THE CIA SHOULD RIGHT THE WRONGS OF THE PAST

(Mr. MORAN of Virginia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, this week, The New Yorker's Jane Mayer, reported on the CIA's abduction, rendition and torturing of an innocent man.

A businessman named Khaled al-Masri, was abducted in one country, renditioned to another, where he was stripped naked and chained and given putrid water to drink.

A number of CIA officials believed from the beginning that he was innocent, but his CIA supervisor, who has since been promoted twice, overruled them. Finally, 149 days later, they went over the supervisor's head, insisting that his innocence be acknowledged, and got him released.

Another CIA captive froze to death, chained to a concrete floor and was buried in an unmarked grave.

Mr. Speaker, as Director Panetta tries to restore the agency's reputation, it is necessary that he not only acknowledge the wrongs of the past, but that he not promote those who committed them.

THE MOST FISCALLY WASTEFUL CONGRESS EVER

(Mr. DUNCAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, in a few minutes we will begin voting on 26 amendments to the Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations bill, but the overriding problem is that this bill is a 12 percent increase to \$65 billion.

At a time when families and small businesses all over this country have been tightening their spending, at a time when foreclosures and bankruptcies are still at record levels, the Federal Government keeps going on its merry way, spending like we have just boocous of cash.

All this comes after the \$787 billion stimulus bill which the Washington Post said was a "massive financial windfall" for Federal agencies. A 12 percent increase in times of 3 percent inflation, when our national debt is now over \$13 trillion, is just ridiculous.

We would not be having all these problems if we'd had fiscally conservative Congresses for the last 45 years. Now we seem to have the most fiscally wasteful Congress we have ever had.

SPECULATORS ARE DRIVING UP THE PRICE OF OIL

(Mr. PERRIELLO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PERRIELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise on behalf of consumers facing rising prices at the pump. How is it that demand for oil can drop, supply can rise, and yet costs can increase? This defies the rules of the free market.

And the answer is the speculators who continue to drive up the price of oil.

We hear talk here about protecting consumers, but I'm sick of seeing crocodile tears shed for consumers that are filling up the swimming pools of our speculators.

We hear an energy plan, particularly from the other side of the aisle, that has no long game, no short game, and no medium game. It's like taking our country into the U.S. Open with no short game on the greens, no long game for the tees, and trying to get out of the rough with a putter.

It's time that we have the courage to protect consumers immediately by going after the speculators and developing a real energy policy that is in keeping with the courage of this country, the innovation of our private sector, and the desire to step up as each generation to the challenge at hand.

HEALTH CARE REFORM AND THE ROLE OF CONGRESS

(Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, think if the government

runs all health care it will be easy for your doctor to make decisions to get you the right care at the best price? Well, Congress doesn't think so.

In the 110th Congress, 452 separate bills were introduced to fix problems of Medicaid and Medicare.

What if your doctor prescribes home care rather than send you to a nursing home at three times the cost? It takes an act of Congress to change the rules.

Screening for glaucoma? Well, it depends on who you are. Otherwise, ask Congress to change the law.

Maybe you have multiple sclerosis that prevents you from working and you cannot afford the medication. You have to wait 2 years to qualify for help, unless Congress changes the law.

When less than one in four Americans think Congress is doing a great job, should Congress really be in charge of your health insurance?

Let's fix the problems. Focus on value not volume, quality not quantity, and stop wasting hundreds of billions of health care dollars.

There should be no bureaucracy between you and your doctor. Reform, yes. Oversight, yes. Accountability, transparency, absolutely. But becoming an insurance company, let's think about it.

SOMETHING IS HAPPENING IN IRAN

(Mrs. MALONEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to echo what President Obama said the other day. Something is happening in Iran, and it is something remarkable and inspiring.

Thanks to Iranian citizen journalists and technological innovations and communications, the entire world has seen the pictures from Iran of those who are giving their lives in the cause of freedom and democracy. The pictures show hundreds of thousands of people, men in green, women in chadors, young and old, rich and poor, taking to the streets in unity in peaceful protest. They have used the universal human right to peacefully assemble and to seek redress of grievances in the full knowledge it may cost them their lives.

They go out today in mourning for the scores of victims of shameful acts of repression. Their determination and bravery have the whole world watching, waiting and inspired, and hoping that Iranian authorities, with the support of the ayatollahs, will do the right thing.

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ABC SHOULD AIR BOTH SIDES OF HEALTH CARE DEBATE

(Mr. SMITH of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)